

ESIP Partner Recognition Initiative August 23, 2011

At the strategic meeting held in Tucson in July 2011, an effort to recognize outstanding ESIP partners was initiated. The goal is to recognize exceptional work and efforts by individuals and organizations and to give partners additional motivation to be active in the Federation.

Current Awards

Currently, there are two awards, both recognizing individual achievement:

1) Charles S. Falkenberg Award – established in 2002, this award is given annually to an individual “scientist under 45 years of age who has contributed to the quality of life, economic opportunities, and stewardship of the planet through the use of Earth science information and to the public awareness of the importance of understanding our planet.” Although not restricted to members of ESIP, our members are strongly encouraged to nominate their young peers and our partners have made up the majority of recipients. The awardee receives a desktop globe award and an honorarium of \$1500.

2) Martha Maiden Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the Earth Science Information Community – established in 2009, this award is given annually to honor individuals who have demonstrated leadership, dedication and a collaborative spirit in advancing the field of Earth Science information. The awardee receives ??

Proposed Awards

1) President's Award - this award is proposed to honor an individual who has made the most significant contribution to the Federation in the previous year. This award will be given annually at the ESIP Winter Meeting. The awardee receives ??

Nominating process – (borrowed from NALMS)

- Your name, title, organization, telephone number, and email.
- Full name of the nominee, present position, organization or affiliation, telephone number, and email.
- A 500-word, clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the efforts of the individual or organization meet the award criteria.
- Electronic transmission of the nomination and supporting materials to the Awards Chair received by the nomination deadline.

Nomination deadline – November 1

Who can nominate? – any person who is a member in good standing of an active ESIP.

Nominating Committee – the ExCom will act as the Nominating Committee, and the President will be the Awards Chair (will present the award). The Nominating Committee may choose to not give an award in any particular year.

2) Partner Awards – these awards are proposed to honor ESIP partner organizations that best exemplify the Spirit of ESIP in one of several areas. One or more of these awards will be given annually at the Winter Meeting. Awardees will receive ??

- A. Collaborations – for partners that have joined together and successfully created value-added products or services.
 - B. Commons – for partners or groups of partners that have made major contributions towards creating, promoting, populating, or sustaining the ESIP Commons.
 - C. Community – for partners that have contributed the most towards gaining recognition of ESIP as the go-to community for integration of science and data into mainstream use
 - D. Professional Development – for partners or groups of partners that have made major contributions towards fostering the professionalization of data managers. Activities may include designing and facilitating professional development courses, developing professional milestones, or work with agencies and institutes of higher education in defining the profession.
 - E. Education and Public Outreach – for partners that have effectively contributed to the dissemination and use of Earth Science data, preferably data produced by other ESIPs, for educating the next generation of engaged citizens or for the public good.
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Nominating process – (see under President’s Award)

- Your name, title, organization, telephone number, and email.
- Full name of the nominee, present position, organization or affiliation, telephone number, and email.
- A 500-word, clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the efforts of the individual or organization meet the award criteria.
- Electronic transmission of the nomination and supporting materials to the Awards Chair received by the nomination deadline.

Nomination deadline – November 1

Who can nominate? – any person who is a member in good standing of an active ESIP. It seems like this one could be a self-nomination? Otherwise, who knows what other groups are doing.

Nominating Committee – ParComm will act as the Nominating Committee, and ParComm Chair will be the Awards Chair. The Nominating Committee may choose to not give an award in any particular year.

3) Friends of ESIP Award – [another one borrowed from NALMS] awarded to individuals, agencies or corporations making major contributions to ESIP. Recipients do not have to be ESIP members, and “contributions” extend beyond monetary donations. This award can be given annually but likely may be less often (if we want to promote it as a reward for big donations). Awardees will receive ??

Nominating process –

- Donations above ?? will automatically be awarded.

Nominating Committee – FiComm will nominate potential awardees and pass the nomination to the ExCom. FiComm Chair will act as Awards Chair.

All awardees must be approved by ExCom.

Awards Chair – will present the awards: in the case that a designated Awards Chair cannot attend the meeting, the President will give the award(s).

Advertising for nominees – Staff will maintain a website and send email notifications to ESIP-all periodically.